

American Women Have the Power to Determine the Future of Our Country.

National opinion polls have shown the widest gender gap since voting patterns and issues concerns of women and men have been tracked. The more that the needs and status of women and children are downsized, the wider the gap grows.

A majority of American women favor compassionate government as well as our right to an equal say in decision-making that affects our lives, families and nation.

Across the country, thousands are working in the multipartisan **CONTRACT WITH WOMEN OF THE USA** campaign, initiated by the Women's Environment and Development Organization and the Center for Women Policy Studies. A broad spectrum of national, state and issues groups, representing millions of women, have signed the Contract along with federal, state, and local officials and individuals, men as well as women.

The Contract's 12 basic principles are adapted from the Platform for Action, the strongest-ever official action agenda for women's rights, approved by consensus of 189 governments at the U.N. 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing a year ago.

Our Contract seeks joint commitments from public officials, policy-makers and candidates to "overcome discrimination based on sex, race, class, age, immigration status, sexual orientation, religion and disability." It calls for:

SHARING FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, with policies that enhance the multiple roles, security and well-being of women, men and children. **ENDING THE BURDEN OF POVERTY** on women and their

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children, recognizing the value of women's unpaid and underpaid labor, adequate funding for welfare and other social safety nets, child care, job training and a living wage.

ACCESSIBLE HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE for all, including research focused on women. **SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**, free of coercion and harassment. **ENDING VIOLENCE** against women and children in every form.

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY, opportunities and career development for women and girls. Guarantees of **WORKPLACE RIGHTS**, including family-friendly practices, job training, affirmative action and the right to organize unions. Active roles by government, the public and private sectors to expand **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**.

The Contract salutes **WOMEN AS PEACEMAKERS** and seeks our inclusion in policy-making aimed at preventing wars and reducing military spending. It calls on the U.S. Senate to **HONOR COMMITMENTS** by ratifying the U.N. Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which has been blocked for the past 16 years!

Finally, the Contract pledges federal and state policymakers to work in partnership with women's groups to enforce a **"LONG-TERM PLAN TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN."**

What You Can Do.

Endorse the Contract.

Vote for candidates who support it.

Join in countrywide women-organized meetings September 28 to help shape a National Action Agenda for Women. (Call WEDO for meeting sites in your area.)

Contract Endorsers (Partial Listing)

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Eiland, New York City Council • Riane Eisler, Co-Director, Center for Partnership Studies • 8th Day Center for Justice • Ronnie Eldridge, New York City Council • Emma Goldman Clinic • Environmental Health Advocacy League • Equal Rights Amendment Summit • Equality Now • Everywoman's Delegation: Institute for Global Security Studies • Family Violence Prevention Fund • Feminist Majority • 50-50 by 2000/George Dean • Filipino-American Women's Network • Financial Women's Assn. • Foundation for African American Women • Foundation for a Compassionate Society • G Gabriela International Women's Solidarity(USA) • The Gannon Center for Women and Leadership, Loyola University • Garment Workers Justice Campaign • George Washington University: Women's Studies Program • Getting It Gazette • Girl Scouts of San Francisco • Girls International Forum • Girls Speak Out • Global Fund for Women • Global Vision • Girl UNDO • Project Fund • Mark Green, New York City Public Advocate • Greenpeace • GNDUTS • H HACER/Hispanic Women's Center • Hadassah • Hartford College for Women • Health and Development Policy Project • Hellenic American Women's Council • Alice Heyman, founding member, National Women's Political Caucus Republican Task Force • Hispanic Women's Council, Los Angeles • Hmong Women of Minnesota • Howard University, African American Women's Institute • Human Rights Advocates • Idaho Women's Network • Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health • Illinois Women's Funding Federation • Institute for Research on Women at Rutgers University • Institute for Women and Work, Cornell University • InterAction Women's Commission • International Assn. of Women in Technology • International Center for Research on Women • International Council of Jewish Women • International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission • International Services Assistance Fund • International Women's Day Celebration, New Jersey • International Human Rights Law Clinic, CUNY School of Law • International Women's Tribune Center • Teresa Isaac, Vice Mayor, Lexington, Kentucky • Mildred Jeffrey, convenor, Michigan, U.N. 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